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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Daniel A. FERRARA
CUSHIONING ELEMENT
Our Ref: A8655

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/793,590 (Confirmation No. 2019) filed February 27, 2001 of Daniel A. FERRARA entitled CUSHIONING ELEMENT.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

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| Total claims | <u>19</u> | - | 20 | = | | x | \$9.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independent claims | <u>2</u> | - | 3 | = | | x | \$42.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | \$375.00 |
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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